

# Action Plan for Alaska 6/16/2005 version

**Vision: Safe Homes, Strong Families, Supportive Communities...No Alaskan Left Out in the Cold**

PRIORITY ONE: PROMOTE LOCALLY DELIVERED FAMILY CENTERED SERVICES						
Strategy(-ies)	Action(s)	Manager <sup>1</sup>	Implementer <sup>2</sup>	Expected Outcomes	Benchmarks/ Milestones	Completion Date (Estimated)
Strategy 1.1 Increase service accessibility and affordability of strength based wrap-around services across Alaska “One form, one time, one person”	Action 1.1.1 Assess tools and commonality among elements of tools: intake; self sufficiency matrix; evaluation criteria; integrate data reports/systems	Homelessness Ends in Alaska Advisory Team (HEAAT) members	To be determined after we conduct initial assessment.	<p>Results of our assessment of tools will determine what we can and can’t do with common tools.</p> <p>Review of tools from other states.</p>	<p>By mid-August, hold first meeting to discuss common elements and determine next steps.</p> <p>By mid-October determine common elements.</p> <p>Meet with IT to investigate strategy for common tools.</p> <p>Technical assistance on Self Sufficiency Matrix tool from Charlene Moran Flaherty (AZ) obtained.</p>	<p>Mid October 2005 meeting</p> <p>December, 2005 as initial completion date.</p>

	<p>Action 1.1.2</p> <p>Share integration project results and lessons learned from the Mat-Su Fairbanks TANF project; Family to Family program; Family Promise of Mat Su and Kenai program; 477 Natives program; Neighborhood Housing in Mountain View; RuralCAP; Homeward / Community Bound; and other programs</p>	<p>Kitty Farnham</p> <p>Bill Hogan</p>	<p>Kitty Farnham</p> <p>Bill Hogan</p>	<p>Identify promising practices for potential replication</p>	<p>Review preliminary findings at September meeting</p>	<p>December 2005</p>
	<p>Action 1.1.3</p> <p>Promote Asset Building (IDA), expand the Your Earnings Saved (YES) program, and leverage TANF Diversion funds to promote housing retention.</p>	<p>Jim Gurke</p> <p>Kitty Farnham</p>	<p>HEATT members</p>	<p>Include Council on Domestic Violence in discussions of initial TANF pilot.</p> <p>Tap into the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Alaska Mental Health Trust, school boards, and DEED homeless coordinators as contacts for cross training.</p>	<p>Identify existing training opportunities.</p> <p>Define cross training opportunities.</p> <p>Initial meeting in June 2005 to define YES expansion options and costs.</p>	<p>December 31, 2005</p>

	Action 1.1.4 Assess the opportunities and gaps in health care access for homeless individuals, including behavioral health, primary care, and dental care.	Pat Carr	Pat Carr Bill Hogan Jerry Fuller	Identified needs and opportunities	At October 1, 2005 meeting review summary of opportunities and gaps for health care coverage through the community health centers.	October 1, 2005
	Action 1.1.5 Develop a plan of action for strengthening efforts to increase access to health care for homeless individuals	Pat Carr Jerry Fuller	HEATT members	Improved health care access for homeless individuals.	Draft action plan by February 1, 2006	By March, 2006 HEATT meeting
Strategy 1.2 Transition planning for people leaving institutions  (Key Themes: “Address where the cliffs occur”. “Release no one to Homelessness”)	Action 1.2.1 Research best practices and tools for future action for transition planning for interim housing and release from Corrections, including childcare and resources for parents.	Jim Gurke	Jim Gurke	Findings reported by our September 2005 HEATT meeting,	Technical assistance on the Massachusetts program obtained.	December, 2005
Strategy 1.3 Housing retention strategies	Action 1.3.1 Evaluate “Unit abandonment” causes	Jim Gurke	Jim Gurke	Interim report at Report at September 2005 meeting.  Analyze significance and determine whether to do exit interviews in the future.	Final report with summary of data on unit abandonment including cross reference to other systems where people may be receiving services.	September, 2005

	<p>Action 1.3.2 Develop an inventory of resources to promote housing retention</p>	<p>Sondra Meredith (re school liaison)</p> <p>Bill Hogan</p>	<p>Sondra Meredith</p> <p>Bill Hogan</p>	<p>Reports at September meeting.</p>	<p>DEED will assess knowledge of school liaisons' knowledge of services to increase housing retention.</p> <p>List of DBH grantees and providers will be made available.</p>	<p>Final report by December, 2005</p>
	<p>Action 1.3.3 Expand and standardize tenant training and education through: Cooperative Extension Service; Beyond Shelter; St. Vincent DePaul; school districts</p>	<p>Kris Duncan</p> <p>Sondra Meredith</p> <p>HEATT members</p>	<p>Kris Duncan</p> <p>Sondra Meredith</p> <p>HEATT members</p>	<p>Report of various education programs provided by Kris at HEATT's.</p> <p>Recommend best practices for strengthening tenant housing skills.</p> <p>Apply for HUD ROSS grant.</p>	<p>Assess various tenant education programs.</p> <p>Sondra will forward information on life skills curriculum focused on tenant/housing skills.</p> <p>Explore developing and disseminating a standardized tenant education program.</p>	<p>December, 2005</p>

<b>Progress to Date</b>	<b>Barriers and/or Situational Changes</b>	<b>Immediate Next Steps (including potential technical assistance needs)</b>
HEATT meeting held on 6/6/05 to refine action steps.	Travel and vacation schedule create difficulty with meeting planning.	Set up standing monthly meetings.  Technical assistance on Self Sufficiency Matrix tool from Charlene Moran Flaherty (AZ) obtained.

<sup>1</sup> The Manager is the individual responsible for coordinating each action.

<sup>2</sup> The Implementer is the individual (or entity) responsible for carrying out each action.

<b>PRIORITY TWO: INCREASE COLLABORATION AND COODINATION WITH PARTNERS TO END HOMELESSNESS</b>						
<b>Strategy(-ies)</b>	<b>Action(s)</b>	<b>Manager</b>	<b>Implementer</b>	<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	<b>Benchmarks</b>	<b>Completion Date (Estimated)</b>
Strategy 2.1 Promote Ownership of the Plan	Action 2.1.1 Identify and inventory existing partners, stakeholders, linkages.	Kris Duncan	Kris Duncan	Draft list of inventory	By September 2005 develop a list of stakeholder groups.  Assess investment of funding.  Review Continuum of Care inventory in federal application	By September HEATT meeting.
	Action 2.1.2 Engage and leverage business, employer and foundation partners, e.g. Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Rasmuson Foundation	Kris Duncan	Kris Duncan	Invite new partners to work with the HEATT members.	By October 2005	Ongoing

	Action 2.1.3 Promote regional partnership development	Bill Hogan, Kitty Farnham	Bill Hogan Kitty Farnham	Identify DHSS regions relevant to homelessness plan.  By September 2005 develop a list of stakeholder groups.	At the September HEATT meeting, create a list of regional stakeholders to invite to participate.	September, 2005
	Action 2.1.4 Develop marketing strategies	HEATT members	HEATT members	Hold an in-state Policy Academy to assess and plan for data / tool solutions based on information from Georgia.	TA from Georgia and the Policy Academy.	July, 2006
Strategy 2.2 Maintain focus on state and federal policies impacting services in Alaska	Action 2.2.1 Conduct further analysis of Harvard Study impacts on Alaska and respond by June 13, 2005.	Jim Gurke	Jim Gurke with input from Indian Housing Authorities	Alaska would receive an exemption or waiver	Further analysis and comment on the Harvard Study impact to Alaska provided before June 13, 2005.	June 13, 2005
	Action 2.2.2 Identify policy issues (boulders and barriers) that work against service integration to end homelessness.	HEATT members	HEATT members	Create policy “SWAT” team to work on barriers.  HUD will use relevant Alaska data on Per Unit Month	Dialogue with Congressional Delegation  Dialogue with Federal agencies and staff	January, 2006  November , 2005.  Ongoing.

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Action 2.2.1 completed: Jim Gurke contacted various representatives and provided comments on Harvard study to assess applicability to Alaska.  HEAAT meeting held June 6, 2005.		Request TA from Georgia team and Policy Academy

<b>PRIORITY THREE: INCREASE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK</b>						
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Strategy 3.1 Promote local incentives for development of affordable housing	Action 3.1.1 Partner with Native organizations	Kris Duncan Bill Hogan	HEATT members	Additional housing in Anchorage; e.g. Linkage with Cook Inlet Housing Authority to sponsor 20 Oxford Homes.	List of partner organizations  Obtain information and technical assistance from Hawaii regarding strategies to engage business and builder stakeholders.	October, 2005  October, 2005.
	Action 3.1.2 Compile and assess community housing inventory	Denny DeWitt Kris Duncan	Denny DeWitt Kris Duncan	Inventory list of community housing completed	Secure information from DCED and Alaska Municipal League on local land acquisition strategies.	November 2005

	Action 3.1.3 Identify potential local land acquisition opportunities	HEATT members	HEATT members	Promote local land acquisition for use for affordable housing.	Completed inventory of local land acquisition opportunities	December, 2005
Strategy 3.2 Promote the creation of a housing trust fund	Action 3.2.1 Endorse and implement Interagency Council on Homelessness proposal	Kris Duncan Karleen Jackson	Interagency Council on Homelessness	Integration of plans	Draft plan forwarded to Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness by May 5, 2005.	Ongoing
	Action 3.2.2 Advise the managers of the Trust on strategies to end homelessness	Jeff Jessee Dr. Doolittle	Jeff Jessee Dr. Doolittle	Integration of plans	HEATT plan forwarded to Trust by June, 2006	Ongoing
<b>Progress to Date</b>		<b>Barriers and/or Situational Changes</b>		<b>Immediate Next Steps (including potential technical assistance needs)</b>		
HEATT plans forwarded to Interagency Council on Homelessness and Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority				Obtain technical assistance from Hawaii regarding strategies to engage business and builder stakeholders.		

<b>PRIORITY FOUR: INTEGRATE HOMELESS PLANNING EFFORTS ACROSS ALASKA</b>						
<b>Strategy(-ies)</b>	<b>Action(s)</b>	<b>Manager</b>	<b>Implementer</b>	<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	<b>Benchmarks</b>	<b>Completion Date (Estimated)</b>
Strategy 4.1 Develop recommendations to Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness	Action 4.1.1 Incorporate Interagency Council on Homelessness and HEAAT recommendations into related plans.	Pat Carr	HEATT members	Integration of planning efforts	Presentation of draft plans.	Ongoing



	Action 4.1.2 Incorporate final Interagency Council on Homelessness plan into Policy Academy plan	Pat Carr	HEATT members	Integration of planning efforts	Presentation of draft plans.	Ongoing
	Action 4.1.3 Identify related planning efforts & liaisons to HEAAT	Pat Carr	HEATT members	Integration of planning efforts	Presentation of draft plans.	Ongoing
	Action 4.1.4 Incorporate HEAAT recommendations into related plans	Pat Carr	HEATT members	Integration of planning efforts	Presentation of draft plans.	Ongoing
<b>Progress to Date</b>		<b>Barriers and/or Situational Changes</b>		<b>Immediate Next Steps (including potential technical assistance needs)</b>		
Provided comments on Interagency Council draft plan in May, 2005.		Planning is an ongoing process.				